

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

JACKIE LEFLER and FRED SALMO, on
Behalf of Themselves and All Others Similarly
Situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

COLUMBIA MANAGEMENT GROUP, INC.
AND COLUMBIA MANAGEMENT
ADVISORS, INC., ET AL.,

Defendants.

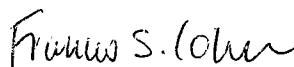
C.A. No. 05-10065 PBS

**DEFENDANTS' ASSENTED-TO MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE BRIEF
IN EXCESS OF TWENTY PAGES IN SUPPORT OF THEIR MOTION TO DISMISS**

Pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(B)(4), Defendants Columbia Management Group, Inc. (n/k/a "Columbia Management Group, LLC") and Columbia Management Advisors, Inc. (collectively, the "Columbia Management Defendants") move for leave to file a brief in excess of twenty pages in support of their Motion to Dismiss. The plaintiffs have assented to this motion.

As grounds for their motion, the Columbia Management Defendants state that due to the complexity of the issues it was necessary to prepare a brief 38 pages in length in support of their motion to dismiss. The Complaint filed by the Plaintiffs in this matter includes 19 pages of allegations asserting five separate counts against the Columbia Management Defendants. The Columbia Management Defendants must thoroughly respond to the allegations, and each count requires discussion and argument by the Columbia Management Defendants in support of their Motion to Dismiss.

WHEREFORE, the Columbia Management Defendants request that their motion be allowed, and their 38 page memorandum in support of their motion to dismiss be accepted for filing, and for such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.



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